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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 0148

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CS, XK, EAID

SUBJECT: COSTA RICA MAY HOST CABEI MEETING

1. GOCR FINANCE MINISTER ALPIZAR TOLD EMBOFF
JANUARY 14 THAT HE HAD BEEN SOUNDED OUT BY CABEI STAFF
REGARDING SHIFTING SITE OF FORTHCOMING CABEI
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING FROM SAN SALVADOR TO SAN
JOSE. MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JANUARY 28-29.
ALPIZAR SAID PRESIDENT FEGUERES IS IN AGREEMENT.
ALPIZAR INTENDS TO APPROACH OTHER CABEI MEMBERS ON SITE
SHIFTING SHORTLY, AFTER FIRST SECURING SALVADOR'S
CONCURRENCE.

2. ALPIZAR REITERATED THAT IDB/WASHINGTON
INTENDED TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL OBSERVER DELEGATION
TO THIS MEETING. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED
THAT IDB VENEZUELAN AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES
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WOULD ATTEND.

3. COMMENT: ALPIZAR EMPHASIZED THAT INITIATIVE
CAME FROM CABEI, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF CONCERN
WITH IMPASSE IN SALVADORAN-HONDURAN RELATIONS.
SHIFTING OF THE SITE TO SAN JOSE WOULD ALSO PROBABLY
STRENGTHEN ALPIZAR'S HAND IN ATTEMPTING TO PROMOTE
CABEI AS (IN HIS VIEW) THE ONLY INSTRUMENT FOR INTERGRATION
LIKELY TO PRODUCE RESULTS. ALPIZAR HAS TAKEN UP CABEI'S
CAUSE AS SOMETHING OF A PERSONAL CRUSADE AND HAS MADE
NO SECRET OF HIS BELIEF THAT COSTA RICA UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN
ALONE IN OFFERING EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF THE SEVEN
YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
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